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CONSTANT VOLUME COMBUSTOR)	Atty. Docket No.: 6001-988

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We, Philip H. Snyder of 1650 South CR 525 East, Avon, Indiana, 46123; and
Calvin W. Emmerson of 2302 Foxcliff North, Martinsville, Indiana, 46151, are citizens
of the United States of America, and we do hereby declare:

That we made and conceived the invention described and claimed in Patent
Application Serial No. 10/613,290, filed in the United States of America on July 3, 2003,
entitled CONSTANT VOLUME COMBUSTOR. Application No. 10/613,290 claims the
benefit of United States Provisional Application Serial No. 60/393,727 filed July 3, 2002.

That we made and conceived the invention while either directly employed by or
as a contract employee of Allison Advanced Development Company and/or its
predecessors and/or successors (hereinafter "ALLISON"). That the invention is related
to the work we are employed and/or hired to perform by ALLISON and was made within

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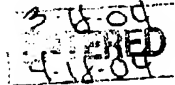
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- ☐ be "useful in the production or utilization of special nuclear material or atomic energy" as recited in 42 U.S.C. 2182 (Department of Energy (DOE)).
- ☒ "have significant utility in the conduct of aeronautical and space activities" as recited in 42 U.S.C. 2457 (National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)).

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